

Activity:	Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America
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Activity Summary

Program Component	2003 Enacted	2004 Estimate	FY 2005			Change From 2004 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America	0	0	0	+10,000	10,000	+10,000
Total Requirements	0	0	0	+10,000	10,000	+10,000

Authorization

16 U.S.C. 470 National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

FY 2005 Base Program Overview

Preserve America grants will support community efforts to demonstrate sustainable uses of their historic and cultural sites, and the economic and educational opportunities related to heritage tourism. Heritage assets, including historic resources and associated landscapes and natural features, are viable elements for local economic development. For example, there are currently 26 states that have some form of heritage tourism programs that result in job creation and increasing property values and tax revenue.

The program does not fund "bricks and mortar" restoration projects, which are covered under Save America's Treasures grants. Instead, it complements the Save America's Treasures grants program by helping local communities develop sustainable resource management strategies and sound business practices for the continued preservation of heritage assets. Such activities include planning and feasibility studies, heritage education curriculae, heritage tourism business cases, and feasibility initiatives.

Grants will be competitively awarded, subject to a 50/50 match, as one-time "start-up seed money" to help eligible communities deliver a specific product or accomplish a specific result. Eligibility is limited to State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs), designated Preserve America Communities or Certified Local Governments (CLGs) that have applied for Preserve America Community designation. The National Park Service will administer Preserve America grants in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

FY 2003 and FY 2004 Program Performance

This is a new proposal for FY 2005.

Justification of FY 2005 Budget Request for Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America

Request Component	Amount
FY 2004 Budget Estimate	0
Programmatic Changes	
Preserve America	+10,000
TOTAL, Program Changes	+10,000
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
FY 2005 Budget Request	10,000
Net Change	+10,000

Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America: +\$10.000 million

\$10.0 million is proposed to initiate this program in FY 2005.